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Transported to a strange planet by a force from beyond the universe, the mightiest Super Heroes and Super-Villains of all have been gathered to fight the ultimate war! The first battles have been fought. Prisoners have been taken. And now, in their separate headquarters the warring factions lick their wounds, marshal their strength, and ponder their plans of war!

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TEMPEST WITHOUT, CRISIS WITHIN!

DOMINATING A BIZARRE, ALIEN PLAIN, A MENACING STRUCTURE FAR MORE MASSIVE THAN ANY ON EARTH STANDS!

IT IS A FORTRESS OF AWESOME STRENGTH! YET, IT SHUDDERS AS THOUGH MADE OF STRAW BEFORE THE INCOMPREHENSIBLE POWER OF THE **STORM** -- A STORM WHOSE FURY WOULD TEAR A MORTAL LIMB FROM LIMB IN AN INSTANT!

FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE STORM OUTSIDE THE FORTRESS, HOWEVER, IS THE MAN WITHIN!

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SUCH IS THE TERRIFYING, MAJESTIC MIGHT OF THE MAN CALLED MAGNETO...

WONDROUS... INSPIRING...

BUT "LET THE STORM RAGE EVER STRONGER!"

I HAVE A GUEST TO ATTEND!

A BURST OF MAGNETIC FORCE STREAMS FORTH FROM THE MUTANT MASTER OF MAGNETISM--

--SNAKING THROUGH LABYRINTHINE CORRIDORS TO A VAST HANGAR DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF THE FORTRESS, WHERE A MAKESHIFT METALLIC **PRISON** HOVERS SUSPENDED MAGNETICALLY IN MIDAIR!

THE FORCE-BOLT **STRIKES**, FREEING A TINY CAPTIVE--

KLUNGG!

--WHO FLUTTERS HELPLESSLY TO THE FLOOR...

SHAKEN AND SHORT OF BREATH THE AVENGER KNOWN AS THE **WASP** LIES STILL FOR ACHING MOMENTS...

THEN...

THIS--THIS ISN'T *OUR* HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX! I GUESS IT'S MAGNETO'S LAIR!

MAYBE IT'LL LOOK LESS FOREBODING AT *NORMAL* SIZE!

NOPE!

WONDER WHY HE TURNED ME LOOSE *BEFORE* I SUFFOCATED?

HMP! I'LL HAVE TO REMEMBER TO ASK HIM THAT WHEN I FIND HIM--AND I AM VERY *DEFINITELY* GOING TO FIND HIM! YES, INDEED!

SOON...

AH! GOOD EVENING, MISS VAN DYNE--OR DO YOU PREFER TO BE CALLED *WASP*?

DO NOT BOTHER TRYING TO ATTACK ME, MY DEAR! MY PERSON IS MAGNETICALLY SHIELDED!

WELL, LA-DE-DA!

YOU THINK I HAVE TO STRIKE AT YOU DIRECTLY TO HURT YOU, MONSTER?

WHAT--?

I CAN BRING THIS WHOLE ROOM DOWN ON TOP OF YOU WITH MY WASP'S STING, MAGNETO! WOULD THAT INCONVENIENCE YOU?

HMM?

THAT WOULD MAKE US BOTH QUITE UNCOMFORTABLE! THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS... DEADLY!

SINCE NEITHER OF US CAN LEAVE HERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME, I SUGGEST A *TRUCE!*

I WANT TO TALK! THAT IS THE REASON I BROUGHT YOU HERE!

YOU HAVE A VERY OBNOXIOUS WAY OF ARRANGING A CONVER-SATION... BUT, ALL RIGHT, IT'S YOUR NICKEL! TALK!

FIRST, I APOLOGIZE FOR THE SUFFERING I CAUSED YOU!

YOU ARE OBVIOUSLY A WOMAN OF INTELLI-GENCE AND UNDER-STANDING AS WELL AS GREAT BEAUTY--

--AND I AM *NOT* THE MONSTER YOU BELIEVE I AM--

--WHICH IS PRECISELY WHAT I WISH TO DISCUSS!

OH? MY INTELLIGENCE, UNDERSTANDING AND BEAUTY OR YOUR NON-MONSTERHOOD?

WHY... BOTH!

MEANWHILE, MANY HUNDREDS OF MILES DISTANT, ANOTHER, STILL MORE ENORMOUS CITADEL-- ONE ROUGHLY THE SIZE OF **CHICAGO**--ALSO QUAKES BEFORE THE WRATH OF THE STORM...

AND, INSIDE THIS AWESOME EDIFICE, LAID CLAIM TO BY THE **SUPER HEROES**...

NICE DAY, HUH, *TORCH*?

IT'S LIKE--ALL THE HURRICANES ON EARTH FOR A THOUSAND YEARS ROLLED INTO ONE, BEN!

EVEN AS THE *THING*,* I DOUBT THAT YOU'D LAST A MINUTE OUTSIDE IN THAT!

*BEN GRIMM, A.K.A. THE THING, MYSTERIOUSLY REVERTED TO HUMAN FORM LAST ISSUE.

LISSEN, TORCHIE, JUST GIMME SOME GALOSHES AND A RAIN HAT, AND--

BEN, LOOK! THAT PEAK!

CRIPES! IT'S BIG ENOUGH TO GET ITS OWN ZIP CODE--! AN' IT'S COMIN' RIGHT AT US!

BEN...IT'S GOING TO FLATTEN THIS WHOLE PLACE! WE DON'T HAVE A *CHANCE*--!

BUT, AT THAT MOMENT, OUTSIDE...

ODD'S BLOOD!

BY THE ALL-FATHER'S GRACE, LET THE STRENGTH OF *THOR* BE ENOW--!

AND LET MINE AIM BE TRUE!

KRAK-A-BOOOM!

AS THE MIGHTY HAMMER MJOLNIR RETURNS, AS ALWAYS, TO THE HAND OF THE THUNDER GOD--~

--HE SMILES...

HIS EXULTATION IN THE UNBRIDLED FURY OF THE ELEMENTS IS ONLY REDOUBLED BY THE FLUSH OF VICTORY...

MEANWHILE, INSIDE...

PUT THAT DUMB EXPLOSIVE ARROW AWAY, *HAWKEYE!* AS IF IT WOULD HAVE DONE ANY GOOD AGAINST THAT GIBRALTAR-SIZED ROCK ANYWAY--!

YOU'D BE AMAZED AT WHAT THIS ARROW CAN DO, *SHE-HULK!*

HUH! WE'RE ON *ANOTHER PLANET,* WITH MORE WEIRD STUFF PER SQUARE INCH THAN THE *SUNSET STRIP*--AND YOU THINK SOME TRICK ARROW IS GOING TO AMAZE ME?

WHAT *I* THINK, GREENIE, IS THAT YOU'RE... YOU'RE... AW... FORGET IT...

ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT IS MY NEW BRIDE! I MISS HER... YOU KNOW?

I--I DON'T WANNA *BE* HERE... I WANNA BE *HOME...*

ELSEWHERE, AS *IRON MAN* AND *CAPTAIN MARVEL* CHECK FOR DAMAGE...

IN THAT WIND THE RAINDROPS MUST HIT LIKE .44 MAGNUM SLUGS--! THE THUNDER *ALONE* WOULD KILL A NORMAL, UNPROTECTED MAN--! TELL ME, WOMAN, HOW CAN THOR SURVIVE THAT?

HE'S TOUGH!

HE'S A CARD-CARRYING THUNDER GOD, RIGHT? ISN'T HE, LIKE, IN CHARGE OF WEATHER? WHY DOESN'T HE STOP THE STORM?

I THINK HE *LIKES* IT! HE'S PROBABLY ENCOURAGING IT!

ENCOURAGING...IT?

COME ON, SLOWPOKE!

NO WAY, BABE! MY ARMOR'S BUILT-IN JET SKATES CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOUR LIGHT FORM EVEN AT YOUR LOWEST SPEED! I'LL CHECK OUT THE NEXT LEVEL!

AND, IN THE COMPLEX'S VAST CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS CHAMBER, WHERE THE *HULK*, *CAPTAIN AMERICA*, AND *MISTER FANTASTIC* CONFER...

SHE-HULK MOVED THAT 30-TON PARTICLE ACCELERATOR TO THE POWER PLANT, CAP! ONCE I INSTALL THIS MODULATOR, ALL THE DAMAGE DONE BY MAGNETO* WILL HAVE BEEN REPAIRED!

GREAT, HULK! HOW'S YOUR WORK GOING, REED?

I WISH I HAD LONGER TO STUDY THIS FORTRESS'S ALIEN TECHNOLOGY! I'VE BARELY BEGUN TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO OPERATE THESE MONITORS--I'M STILL NOT CERTAIN HOW THEY WORK!

DESPITE THE WEATHER, I'VE MANAGED TO KEEP TABS ON *GALACTUS*, WHO'S STILL KEEPING HIS MYSTERIOUS VIGIL ATOP THAT DISTANT PEAK--COMPLETELY OBLIVIOUS TO THE STORM!

ALSO, I'VE KEPT THE VILLAINS' HEADQUARTERS IN FOCUS! THERE SEEMS TO BE AN *AURA* AROUND IT--PERHAPS A MANIFESTATION OF A POWER-ABSORPTION PROCESS! THEY MAY BE SOMEHOW TAPPING THE ENERGY OF THE STORM!

HMM... I'D LOVE TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE UP TO! AT LEAST, THOUGH, WE'LL HAVE SOME WARNING IF THEY ATTACK! WE CAN SEE EVERYTHING OUTSIDE OF THEIR CITADEL!

* LAST ISSUE -- DURING THE FORAY IN WHICH HE KIDNAPPED THE WASP!

EVERYTHING EXCEPT WHAT I REALLY *WANT* TO SEE... MY SON... MY WIFE...

SHE'S *PREGNANT*, ISN'T SHE, REED? THOUGH WE'D BE IN DEEP TROUBLE WITHOUT YOU, I'D GIVE ANYTHING FOR YOU TO BE WITH HER NOW!

PART OF ME IS, CAP... PART OF ME IS...

I WISH YOU WERE HOME, TOO, RICHARDS-- TO SPARE US YOUR MAUDLIN WHIMPERING!

YOU THINK I DON'T MISS MY WOMAN? IT JUST MAKES ME WANT TO CRUSH THE ENEMY THAT MUCH *MORE*... AND GET IT OVER WITH!

YOU'LL GET YOUR CHANCE, HULK-- SOON!

WE HAVE *FIVE* OF OUR FOES CAPTURED AND IMPRISONED! WE HOLD THE EDGE-- A BIG EDGE!

I FIGURE THEY'LL GAMBLE ON ONE, DESPERATE, ALL-OUT ATTACK... PROBABLY AS SOON AS THE STORM BREAKS!

BUT IF WE'RE READY! IF EACH OF US DOES HIS DUTY AND PULLS HIS WEIGHT, OUR ADVANTAGE IN STRENGTH WILL GUARANTEE VICTORY!

YOU SET A HIGH STANDARD FOR ALL OF US, CAP! I PRAY THAT NO ONE FALLS SHORT!

CAP... IF YOU DON'T MIND...

NOT AT ALL! GO AND RELAX, REED! THE HULK AND I WILL TAKE TURNS STANDING WATCH!

AND...

NOW, THERE GOES A MAN WHO LOOKS REALLY DEPRESSED!

I DON'T BLAME HIM! THIS ISN'T EXACTLY A DAY AT THE BEACH FOR ANY OF US! IT SENDS LITTLE CHILLS UP MY SPINE WHENEVER I THINK HOW FAR AWAY FROM EARTH WE ARE! BRRRR!

OH, WELL... MIGHT AS WELL *TRY* TO MAKE MYSELF AT HOME! THIS PLACE WAS MADE FOR WEB-SWINGING--! ALL THESE PIPES AND TUBES AND DOO-HICKEYS...

WONDER WHAT THEY'RE *REALLY* FOR? THEY COULDN'T BE HERE JUST FOR THAT FRIENDLY OL' NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN, ME-- COULD THEY?

NAH!

SOON...

GEEZ, IF I SEE ANOTHER ROOM BIGGER THAN THE WORLD TRADE CENTER,..OR ANOTHER GIANT GIZMO THAT LOOKS LIKE A COSMIC CUISINART...

WELL WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE...

HMM... THE *X-MEN* HAVE STAKED OUT THEIR OWN PRIVATE LITTLE *HQ!* RATHER ANTI-SOCIAL OF THEM...

BOY, IT'S STILL WEIRD SEEING PROFESSOR XAVIER NOT IN A WHEELCHAIR--!

WHATEVER THEY'RE YAKKING ABOUT IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS, SO BEFORE THEY NOTICE ME, I'LL JUST BE ON... MY... WAY... HMM...

...WE *MUST* TAKE MATTERS INTO OUR OWN HANDS! WE DO NOT BELONG HERE!

AH'LL SAY! AH ONCE TUSSLED WITH THE *AVENGERS!* THEY ALL DON'T LIKE ME A BIT-- AN' THEY'RE POWERFUL SUSPICIOUS OF WHAT I'M DOIN' HERE WITH YOU ALL!

ROGUE IS AN X-MAN, NOW! ANYBODY GIVES HER A HARD TIME, I'LL SLICE 'EM TO RIBBONS!

CONTROL YOURSELF, *WOLVERINE!* THE LAST THING WE NEED BEFORE WE LEAVE IS AN *INCIDENT...*

MUST IT EVER BE SO, THAT NORMAL MEN--EVEN THOSE NOT-SO-NORMAL--FEAR AND HATE US BECAUSE WE ARE *MUTANTS?*

LET THEM! BUT, THEN, LET THEM ALSO BEWARE! WE WILL BEAR NO OPPRESSION...

ENOUGH! THE DISCUSSION IS ENDED! PREPARE YOURSELVES--WE GO TO JOIN *MAGNETO!*

WAIT! I SENSE... AN EAVESDROPPER! *SPIDER-MAN!*

CRASH

YEAH, I HEARD WHAT YOU GUYS WERE SAYING...

WHAP!

UFF!

...AND I DIDN'T LIKE IT! AND I'M GOING TO RAT ON YOU!

COME *HERE*, PUNK! SETTLE DOWN AND LISTEN--OR I'LL *HURT* YOU--AND *THEN* YOU'LL LISTEN!

I HAVE HIM, WOLVERINE--*GGGLMPH!*

CHUBBY CHANCE, SLOW-POKE!

WHA--? MISSED! *COLOSSUS!*

YOU WEBBED IDIOT! WE CAN EXPLAIN--!

TELL IT TO THE MARINES, TURKEY! I HEARD ENOUGH!

HE'S TOO FAST FOR US! IN THE OPEN AIR, I COULD BRING THE FULL FURY OF THE SKIES TO BEAR AGAINST HIM, BUT HERE IN THESE CLOSE QUARTERS...

ROGUE! BREAK FREE! SURELY, HIS WEB CAN'T HOLD *YOU!*

AH'M *TRYING*--! BUT IT'S STRONGER THAN STEEL CABLE!

I'LL GET HIM! I'M AS FAST AND AGILE AS *HE* IS!

NOT ON THE BEST DAY OF YOUR LIFE, NIGHTCRAWLER!

NOW, WHY IS MY SPIDER-SENSE TINGLING? IS THAT YOU AGAIN, WOLVIE?

DUMMY! *NOBODY* CAN SNEAK UP ON ME--!

THOSE PIGSTICKERS MAY SCARE THE BAR ROOM BULLIES, BUT TO ME YOU'RE A *JOKE!*

SWAT!

HIS STRENGTH--! HIS SPEED--! UNBELIEVABLE! HE IS *AWESOME!*

HE'S GETTING AWAY!

WE'RE LUCKY THAT'S ALL HE WAS TRYING TO DO! HE REALLY CLOBBERED US!

HE MADE US LOOK LIKE FOOLS--! LIKE AMATEURS!

AND LET YOU ZAP ME WITH YOUR CONCUSSION BEAMS, CYCLOPS? SU-U-RE!

SEEYA!

SPIDER-MAN, WAIT! IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK! I SAID *STOP*, MISTER!

SECONDS LATER...

RICHARDS--!

HM? SPIDER-MAN!

WHAT'S WRONG, SON? CALM DOWN! IT CAN'T BE--

LISTEN TO ME! WE'VE GOT TO...

...TO...WHAT? I-- I FORGET! WHAT *WAS* IT?

I GUESS IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN TOO IMPORTANT!

UH... WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT, REED?

I'M NOT SURE, CYCLOPS!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE X-MEN'S QUARTERS...

I RECOVERED JUST IN TIME! WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT SPIDER-MAN DID NOT WISH TO SERIOUSLY INJURE ME WHEN HE PUT ME OUT OF ACTION!

AS MUCH AS I DESPISE USING MY PSIONIC ABILITIES TO FORCIBLY RE-ORDER ANOTHER'S MIND, THERE IS TOO MUCH AT STAKE HERE TO FALTER NOW!

AND THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM *MY* POWER!

ELSEWHERE...

NO DOUBT THE PRESSURE IS GETTING TO SPIDER-MAN A LITTLE! IT'S NOT LIKE HIM TO CRACK! CONSIDERING WHAT WE'RE FACING HERE, THOUGH...

THE WORST THING FOR ME IS THINKING ABOUT MY WIFE BACK HOME, NOT KNOWING WHAT HAPPENED TO ME, WHETHER I'M DEAD OR ALIVE!

WE KNOW SO LITTLE ABOUT SPIDER-MAN! MAYBE HE HAS A SIMILAR SITUATION...

POSSIBLY! I SUSPECT WE'LL NEVER KNOW!

CYCLOPS! RETURN AT ONCE!

WHOA! IT WASN'T NECESSARY TO FRY MY BRAIN WITH YOUR TELEPATHIC SUMMONS, PROFESSOR! I'M COMING!

EXCUSE ME, REED!

PROFESSOR X HASN'T ASSERTED HIMSELF LIKE THIS FOR YEARS! HE'S ACTING LIKE HE DID BACK WHEN HE FIRST FORMED THE X-MEN--FIRM, AUTHORITATIVE, *DECISIVE--!*

NOW THAT HE'S NO LONGER CONFINED TO A WHEELCHAIR, I WONDER IF HE PLANS TO LEAD US INTO BATTLE?

AND IF HE DOES... WILL HIS LACK OF EXPERIENCE IN FRONT-LINE COMBAT BRING US TO *DISASTER?*

AND...

I HAVE LEARNED HOW TO OPERATE THIS VESSEL! IT RESPONDS TO THOUGHT COMMANDS OF SUFFICIENT POWER! APPARENTLY IT WAS CONSTRUCTED BY A RACE OF TELEPATHS!

DESPITE THE STORM, WE LEAVE AT ONCE, MY X-MEN--!

DESTINATION--MAGNETO'S FORTRESS!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE LAIR OF MAGNETO...

I AM NOT *INTERESTED* IN AN ALLIANCE!

VERY WELL, THEN, MAGNETO--! BUT BE WARNED! IF YOU DO NOT SERVE ME, I MUST CONSIDER YOU AN ENEMY!

I CHOOSE TO MAKE MY OWN WAY, DOOM!

SO BE IT! KNOW YOU THEN, THAT YOUR CHOICE IS IRREVOCABLE--AND YOU WILL LIVE TO REGRET IT!

SECONDS LATER...

WHERE DID YOU GO? IS SOME THING WRONG?

IT WAS NOTHING, JANET...

...NOTHING AT ALL!

WELL, I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK! IT'S...EERIE HERE ALONE, THE WAY THE STORM IS SHAKING THIS PLACE!

YOU *MISSED* ME? NOW THAT IS ENCOURAGING!

UM...DON'T BE *TOO* ENCOURAGED, MAGNUS... I MEAN...

WHY NOT? HAVE WE NOT REACHED THE BEGINNINGS OF AN UNDERSTANDING?

THE *BEGINNINGS*, MAYBE...

WE AGREE THAT WHEN MY EYES MEET YOURS THAT THERE IS SOMETHING...ELECTRIC!

I DON'T REMEMBER AGREEING TO THAT!

BUT IT IS *TRUE*, IS IT NOT?

HEY--! MMM-M!

THE STORM HAS GRANTED US A BRIEF INTERLUDE OF PEACE HERE ON THIS WORLD OF SUDDEN DEATH--! LET US NOT DENY OUR DESIRES!

NO... NO... NO...

THERE IS SO LITTLE TIME, JANET--!

OH...I-I GUESS...I SUPPOSE IT'S...OH, WHY NOT?

YOU HAVE THE ICIEST BLUE EYES I'VE EVER SEEN, MAGNUS...

...AND I GUESS...THE "EYES" HAVE IT!

MEANWHILE, IN THE MASSIVE FORTRESS NAMED **DOOMBASE** *BY ITS ABSOLUTE MASTER--*

--DOCTOR DOOM STRIDES PURPOSEFULLY ACROSS A VAST EQUIPMENT-LINED CHAMBER OFF-LIMITS TO ALL SAVE HIMSELF--

--AND THE SUBJECTS OF HIS MACHINATIONS...

MAGNETO'S FOOLISH REFUSAL TO PLEDGE HIMSELF TO MY SERVICE IS...DISAPPOINTING... BUT NOT SURPRISING!

WITH POWER SUCH AS *HIS* AT MY COMMAND, VICTORY WOULD COME SWIFTLY!

DENIED HIS POWER, IT IS EVEN MORE IMPERATIVE THAT I TAKE *OTHER* STEPS TO STRENGTHEN MY FORCES!

ALL IS READY--! THIS ALIEN TECHNOLOGY, SO RICH, SO SUBTLE... SO EASILY HARNESSED TO SERVE MY PURPOSE...

ENERGY, TAPPED FROM THE RAGING TEMPEST...

AND TWO MORTAL SUBJECTS WHO DARE TO GAMBLE FOR *POWER*-- KNOWING THAT TO LOSE IS DEATH, FOR TRULY, HERE I SHALL TEST THE LIMITS OF POWER A HUMAN BODY CAN CONTAIN!

WITH THE THROWING OF A SWITCH... *SO*-- THE DIE IS CAST!

HEAR ME--! POWER MUST BE *SEIZED*--! CRAVE IT! WELCOME IT! DRINK IT IN, DESPITE THE PAIN... OR IT WILL DESTROY YOU.

MOMENTS LATER...

YOU WERE RIGHT, DOCTOR! I *DID* IT! ALL THAT POWER IS INSIDE ME NOW--

--BUT I CAN'T BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW STRANGE IT FEELS!

I CAN CHANGE BACK TO HUMAN, CAN'T I? YOU SAID I'D BE ABLE TO!

I DON'T WANT TO CHANGE-- *EVER!* I'M AT LEAST A FOOT-AND-A-HALF TALLER--AND STRONG!

SO THIS IS WHAT IT IS TO BE STRONG! ALL MY LIFE I'VE DREAMED OF THIS!

WHERE ARE THE NEW *CLOTHES* I DESIGNED? I CAN'T WAIT TO PUT THEM ON!

RIGHT HERE, MISS MacPHERRAN!

NO! I AM NOT "SKEETER" MacPHERRAN ANYMORE! I WANT A NEW NAME-- SOMETHING FLASHY, LIKE THE OTHERS WHO SERVE YOU, DOOM!

THAT WILL WAIT! FIRST, MISS ROSENBERG--YOU *CAN* REVERT BACK TO HUMAN FORM AT WILL. IT WAS NO EASY TASK TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR MUTATION TO BE REVERSIBLE! BUT OTHERWISE, YOU COULD NOT EAT OR SLEEP, AND YOUR USEFUL LIFE TO ME WOULD HAVE BEEN SHORT, INDEED!

IN THIS FORM, YOUR BODY IS COMPOSED MOSTLY OF IONIZED *PLASMA*--LIKE THE CORE OF A STAR!

YOU CAN RADIATE THERMAL ENERGY FROM YOUR SKIN AT WILL! *DO* SO... NOW!

YES! YES, I *CAN!*

I CAN FEEL HEAT, JUST *MILLIONS* OF DEGREES HOT, SWIRLING AROUND INSIDE OF ME--AND I CAN CONTROL IT!

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW I CAN STILL BE ALIVE, ALL MOLTEN, SEETHING AND LIQUID INSIDE LIKE-- LIKE A VOLCANO!

HEY, I WANT A TRADE NAME TOO, DOCTOR--JUST LIKE SKEETER DOES! I WANT TO BE CALLED *VOLCANA!*

TITANIA! LIKE A TITAN--! THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO BE CALLED! I'LL CLEAR AWAY THE SLAG FOR YOU, DOOM!

BE CAREFUL! IT IS STILL RED HOT!

THE WAY I FEEL, *NOTHING* CAN HURT ME! LOOK HOW STRONG I AM!

DO NOT DECEIVE YOURSELF! YOU CAN BE HURT...THOUGH NOT EASILY!

BAH! THIS THING IS TOO SMALL, TOO *LIGHT!* IT'S NO CHALLENGE!

GIVE ME SOMETHING TO CRUSH, TO LIFT TO *TEST* MY STRENGTH!

SOON, MY DEAR, YOU WILL PROVE YOUR MIGHT IN COMBAT! BE PATIENT!

COME!

SOON...

I HAVE SUMMONED YOU HERE TO INTRODUCE OUR TWO NEW RECRUITS-- *VOLCANA* AND *TITANIA!*

LADIES, THAT IS THE ROBOT *ULTRON*-- MY INDESTRUCTIBLE, ALL POWERFUL BODYGUARD!

THE OTHERS ARE THE *WRECKER*... *DOCTOR OCTOPUS*... THE *ABSORBING MAN*... AND THE *MOLECULE MAN!*

WHERE DID *THEY* COME FROM? I THOUGHT WE WAS THE ONLY ONES ON THIS PLANET EXCEPT FOR CAPTAIN AMERICA'S JERK SQUAD!

WHO KNOWS? I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST DOOMSIE TO BUILD BROADS FROM *SCRATCH!*

OCTOPUS! ULTRON! GO AT ONCE TO THE 417th LEVEL HANGAR DECK AND PREPARE ASSAULT VEHICLES! THE STORM WILL BREAK AT DAWN -- THEN WE *STRIKE!*

YOU! ABSORBING MAN! YOU LOOK LIKE THE TOUGHEST MAN HERE!

GET UP!

KWAAM!

WHATCHA GOT IN MIND?

I'M GOING TO DO ANYTHING I WANT TO YOU! EVERYTHING I ALWAYS WANTED TO DO TO EVERYBODY WHO USED TO BE BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN ME!

MAYBE I'LL JUST PLAY WITH YOU... OR MAYBE I'LL MAKE YOU EAT DIRT... OR MAYBE...

WOMAN, IF YOU GOT SOMETHIN' TO PROVE, PROVE IT TOMORROW AGAINST THE GUYS WE'RE FIGHTIN'!

YOU'RE BACKING DOWN?

NOPE! I JUST AIN'T GETTIN' UP! I GOT NOTHIN' TO PROVE... TO A DAME!

HEY, MISSY, IF YOU WANT TO LIP-RASSLE, I'M GAME!

I'LL SHOW YOU... TOMORROW!

KA-3-WAM!

HAW, HAW, HAW!

BOY, I HATE THAT! I HATE ALL THAT CRASHING AROUND! I JUST CAN'T STAND VIOLENCE!

REALLY? YOU? THE INFAMOUS *MOLECULE MAN*?

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET YOU! YOU'RE ...DIFFERENT THAN I EXPECTED!

YEAH, I KNOW... SHORTER, RIGHT?

NO! MORE... *SENSITIVE*, I GUESS!

HEY! YOU'RE TURNING HUMAN!

YEAH! I JUST FIGURED OUT HOW TO DO THAT!

SO YOU THINK I'M SENSITIVE, HUH? MY THERAPIST SAYS THAT, TOO! I'VE BEEN SEEING A THERAPIST EVER SINCE THE AVENGERS TALKED ME OUT OF DESTROYING THE EARTH...

LOOK AT THE STORM! ISN'T THAT IMPRESSIVE?

NAH! IT'S ONLY MOLECULES INTERACTING, YOU KNOW, AND I CONTROL MOLECULES! I COULD DISPERSE THE STORM...

BUT MY THERAPIST SAYS THAT I SHOULD LET THINGS TAKE THEIR NATURAL COURSE, SO I WON'T!

UNLESS DOOM ASKS ME TO! NOW, *HE'S* IMPRESSIVE! HE ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT TO DO!

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! SUCH CHARISMA--!

I DON'T THINK MY THERAPIST WOULD APPROVE OF HIM OR THIS WAR! I CAN'T HELP *BE-LIEVING* IN DOOM, THOUGH -- AND IF HE WANTS TO WIN THIS WAR, I'M GOING TO HELP HIM!

EVEN IF IT MEANS RIPPING THIS WHOLE PLANET APART!

MEANWHILE, DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SUPER HEROES, AN IMPOSING FIGURE STRIDES THROUGH THE CAVERNOUS PRISON HALL--

-- PAST THE BLOCK OF CELLS WHERE *PILEDRIVER, BULLDOZER, THUNDERBALL,* AND *KANG THE CONQUEROR* ARE HELD IN PSYCHO-STASIS--

-- TO A CERTAIN ADJOINING CHAMBER!

HERE, IN A SPECIAL CELL-REGENERATIVE HEALING CAPSULE LIES THE BEAUTIFUL ASGARDIAN GODDESS KNOWN AS THE *ENCHANTRESS*...

AWAKE, SORCERESS, AND LET US SPEAK!

THOR! HAVE YOU COME TO GLOAT AT MY HUMILIATION? A GODDESS BATTERED DOWN TO LIE WRITHING IN THE DUST AT THE FEET OF A GREEN-SKINNED MORTAL WENCH?

BY FAFNIR'S SCALES! D-DID SHE SCAR ME? DID HER FISTS BRUISE MY FACE? IS MY BEAUTY--?

UNMARRED, VAIN ONE! REED RICHARDS SAW TO THAT! THIS MACHINE HEALED YOUR INJURIES!

WHY HAVE YOU COME HITHER? DID YOUR MORTAL FRIENDS FORSAKE YOU?

NAY... BUT THEY ARE *MORTAL!* THERE ARE THINGS OF WHICH ONLY GODS MAY SPEAK, AND WHICH ONLY GODS CAN UNDERSTAND!

YOU AND I ARE THE ONLY TWO IMMORTALS OF ASGARD ON THIS WORLD... WE MUST TALK!

VERY WELL... BUT *ELSEWHERE!* I WILL ENDURE THIS DUNGEON NO LONGER!

AYE... BUT, HERE OR ELSEWHERE, YOU ARE STILL MY PRISONER!

PERHAPS! COME, THUNDER GOD!

SOMETIME LATER...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I WRACK MY BRAINS AND ALL I GET IS A HEADACHE! THE IDEAS, THE ANSWERS USED TO COME SO EASILY! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

HAVE I JUST HIT A DRY SPELL? I'M SO... DISORIENTED! OF COURSE... BEING PUT HERE IN THIS MESS BY A BEING BEYOND ANY-ONE'S COMPREHENSION COULDN'T BE HELPING MY CONCENTRATION! THAT MUST BE IT...

MUST BE...

CRUNCH!

SUDDENLY...

WHAT--?! IT'S *DAWN!* AND THE STORM HAS BROKEN!

HULK! WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE ME?! NOW IS WHEN THEY'RE MOST LIKELY TO *ATTACK!*

SOUND THE ALARM! GET EVERYONE TO BATTLE STATIONS! *HURRY,* MAN!

A-ALL RIGHT! I--I JUST DIDN'T... NOTICE...

DON'T RAISE YOUR VOICE TO ME, YOU STAR-SPANGLED TIN TYRANT! I'LL RIP YOU IN HALF!

AT THAT MOMENT, OUTSIDE...

THERE IT IS, DOOM! IT'S... *HUGE!*

I SEE NO SIGNS OF A SORTIE COMING OUT TO BLUNT OUR ATTACK! CAN IT BE WE'VE CAUGHT THEM UNAWARES?

BAH! I'D THOUGHT BETTER OF CAPTAIN AMERICA AND REED RICHARDS THAN THAT! THEY ARE FOOLS, INDEED!

PREPARE TO *RAM!*

KABOOOMM!

QUICKLY! TO THE ATTACK!

WRECKER! YOURS IS THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE--FREEING THE PRISONERS! THE REST OF YOU, STRIKE AT WILL! WREAK HAVOC AND SLAY WHOM YOU CAN!

WHAT ABOUT *ME*? WHAT SHOULD I DO, DOOM?

YOURS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE, MISTER REECE! YOU MUST REMAIN AT MY SIDE, VIGILANT!

GOT IT!

SECONDS LATER, IN THE QUARTERS OCCUPIED BY MISTER FANTASTIC, THE HUMAN TORCH AND BEN GRIMM...

REED! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

FLAME ON!

GREAT! WHAT GOOD AM I LIKE *THIS*?

BEN, YOU'D BETTER STAY HERE! JOHNNY AND I WILL GO FIND CAP, AND--

KER-WHAM!

UHH S-STAY BACK! WHOEVER YOU ARE!

MY ARM--! IT'S BROKEN! RIBS, TOO!

OWW! YOU LITTLE JERK! YOU'RE JUST MAKING IT WORSE FOR YOURSELF WHEN I GET TO YOU! AND I *WILL*!

BUT THEN...

GONE! HE CUT THROUGH THE FLOOR AND DROPPED HIMSELF AND HIS PARTNERS TO A LOWER LEVEL!

CUTE!

ELSEWHERE...

WONDER WHAT THAT *NOISE* WAS?

EEEYAHH!

SZZAK!

KA-THOOM!!

SO MUCH FOR THE *SHE-HULK!*

AND...

I THOUGHT THE STORM WAS OVER, BUT I KEEP HEARING *THUNDER!*

UNLESS IT'S THE HULK BELCHING! I'D BETTER GO SEE...

WHAM!

BLAST! SOMEHOW SHE ROLLED WITH IT AT THE LAST INSTANT! BUT, ANOTHER SLEDGEHAMMER BLOW WILL CRUSH HER SKULL!

GET AWAY FROM HER, TURKEY!

HAWKEYE!

HE'S DEADLY ACCURATE WITH THAT BOW --AND ARMED WITH A HIGH-TECH ARSENAL OF ARROWS! I'M NOT THE BEST AGAINST FOES WITH LONG-RANGE FIREPOWER--! I'D BETTER PLAY IT SAFE AND LEAVE HIM FOR ONE OF THE OTHERS!

AT THAT MOMENT...

IRON MAN! WE'VE GOT TROUBLE!

I'M COMIN', MAN, AS SOON AS I GET MY ARMOR ON!

KABAWHOOM!

ULTRON! HE HAD US BOTH DEAD TO RIGHTS BUT HE DOESN'T SEE US! I'LL WAIT'LL HE GOES... THEN PULL WEB-HEAD OUT!

AND...

I CAUSED ALL OF THIS--AND I ALONE HAVE THE STRENGTH TO SET IT RIGHT! AND I'M GOING TO START AT THE SOURCE!

THE HULK!

OH, GOODY! HE'S MINE!

HULK! FALL BACK! WE'VE GOT TO GATHER UP THE OTHERS... CONSOLIDATE... RETREAT TO A DEFENSIBLE POSITION!

COME ON!

THOOM!

ALL RIGHT! I'M COMING!

MOMENTS LATER...

WRECKER! I SEE YOU WERE SUCCESSFUL!

PIECE OF CAKE--BUT I COULDN'T FIND THE ENCHANTRESS!

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN, WRECKER! I DROVE THE HULK AWAY!

LOOK! HERE COME THE OTHERS BACK! AND WE HAVE NO CASUALTIES! WHEEE!

WE ALSO HAVE FEWER *KILLS* THAN I'D HOPED-- BUT NO MATTER! WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH HERE TODAY!

AND TO FINISH IT, WE SHALL LEVEL THIS PLACE SO THAT NO STONE REMAINS ON STONE!

NEXT ISSUE *SITUATION: HOPELESS!!*

SON OF ULTRON